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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 4493

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: CONVERSATION ON VARIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS TOPICS WITH MEMBER
OF SALVADORAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS ON AUG 25, SALVADORAN
MEMBER OF SALVADORAN "COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS" (SAN
SALVADOR 3102) STATED THAT DONALD FOX (WHO CAME TO EL SALVADOR
JULY 20-24 ON BEHALF OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS-
ICJ) HAD RECENTLY SENT A FORTY- PAGE REPORT ON VISIT TO
GENEVA HEADQUARTERS OF ICJ. ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS INDICATIONS,
REPORT WILL COME DOWN HARD ON LAW OF DEFENSE AND GUARANTEE
OF PUBLIC ORDER (SEE REFTEL). IN HIS CONVERSATION, SUBJECT
STATED THAT FOX WOULD PROBABLY BE COMING BACK TO EL
SALVADOR IN OCTOBER.

2. SUBJECT ALSO REFERRED TO JULY 18-29 VISIT OF
CRESSIDA MCKEAN OF WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN AMERICA
(WOLA). HE SAID THAT MCKEAN HAD BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY
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A VALERIE MILLER, THAT THE TWO OF THEM HAD
WORKED TOGETHER, AND THAT A REPORT BASED ON THEIR
RECENT VISIT TO EL SALVADOR WOULD BE ISSUED SOON.
(NOTE: EMBASSY WAS AT FIRST UNDER IMPRESSION THAT
MCKEAN HAD COME BY HERSELF; HOWEVER, IN THE MEANTIME,
WE HAVE RECEIVED OTHER INDICATIONS THAT MCKEAN WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY A FEMALE COMPANION WHO REPORTEDLY

HELPED HER IN HER EFFORTS TO GATHER MATERIALS ON
HUMAN RIGHTS.)

3. FINALLY, SUBJECT STATED THAT REPORT BASED ON
JANUARY 1978 VISIT OF INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION (IAHRC) HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT HE EXPECTED
TO OBTAIN A COPY OF IT SHORTLY. HE INDICATED THAT,
BASED ON WHAT HE HAD HEARD, REPORT WAS FAIRLY COMPLETE
IN ITS DOCUMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN EL
SALVADOR, TO EXTENT OF INCLUDING PICTURES OF
PEOPLE WHO HAD ALLEGEDLY BEEN TORTURED BY THE SECURITY
FORCES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE U.S.
MISSION GENEVA VERIFYING INFORMATION CONCERNING FOX
REPORT AND, IF TRUE, SEEKING TO OBTAIN COPY FOR
TRANSMITTAL HERE.
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